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SUBJECT: **DECEMBER 2008 QUARTERLY REPORT
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

This report is the second quarterly Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Implementation Status Report for Fiscal Year 2008-09. The report provides an update on the Department's implementation of MHSA programs and services for the months of September, October, and November 2008.

Since the last report on September 19, 2008, the following additional MHSA activities have been or are being accomplished:

Reporting Period	MHSA Plan/Activity	Status/Accomplishments/Future Milestones
September-November 2008	Information and Technology (IT) Plan	The draft MHSA Information Technology (IT) Plan was finalized in September. The plan and supporting documents to be reviewed and approved by the Board of Supervisors (Board) completed internal review by DMH and stakeholders in October. It is anticipated that the IT Plan will be reviewed by the Board in January 2009 and submitted to the CA Department of Mental Health subsequent to Board approval.
September-November 2008	Capital Facilities (Cap Facilities) Plan	In September, the draft Capital Facilities (Cap Facilities) Plan is in development. Stakeholders and volunteers met to develop principles to guide project choices. On October 30 th , the Capital Facilities State Guidelines and the Department's Guiding Principles were shared with Ad-hoc committee members, volunteers and stakeholders.
September-November 2008	Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan	Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) Plan priorities for each Service Area are currently being discussed and established via the community forums. By September 30, 2008, 100% of the key individual interviews were completed (54 total) and 64 of 65 focus groups were completed. In October, the Countywide PEI Roundtable was held where over 300 attendees participated in reviewing the PEI needs assessment data. Also in October, the 65 th and final PEI focus group was completed and all 17 Service Area PEI community forums were scheduled from October 15 th to December 13 th . By November 30 th , 6 of 17 PEI community forums across three service areas were completed; to date (as of December 4 th), 11 of 16 scheduled forums have been completed. Also in November, 4 of 8 scheduled PEI "teach ins" to educate DMH Service Area Advisory Committees (SAACs) regarding evidence-based, promising, and community-defined evidence practices for prevention and early intervention were completed. By the end of the quarter, the structure and process for each SAACs to select a 29-member ad hoc PEI steering committee was successfully developed. The ad hoc PEI steering committee will be tasked with developing recommendations on priority populations and PEI program strategies for the respective service areas. The target date for completing and submission of the PEI Plan is May 2009.

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September-November 2008	Prevention and Early Intervention- Early Start (PEI-ES) Plan and Prevention and Early Intervention Assignment	California Department of Mental Health released an information notice September 24 th confirming increased PEI funding for prevention projects (PEI Early Start Projects) addressing School Mental Health, Stigma and Discrimination and Suicide Prevention. The Department completed its draft Prevention and Early Intervention-Early Start (PEI-ES) Plan in October and presented the plan to the MHSA Delegates for review and comment on November 7 th . The draft PEI-ES Plan was posted for public review and comment on November 18 th . The plan was also presented at a public hearing on November 20 th . Stakeholders and the general public will have 30 days (ended December 17 th) provided written feedback and comments prior to the final revision of the plan. It is anticipated that the PEI-ES Plan will be submitted to the CA Department of Mental Health in late December.
September-November 2008	Participation In The Mental Health Services Act Prevention And Early Intervention Statewide Projects Program: Authorization To Enter Into An Assignment Agreement	The Department of Mental Health will request Board approval to enter into an Assignment Agreement with the California State Department of Mental Health. The requested Assignment Agreement would allow Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health to participate in the Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Statewide Projects funded from the Prevention and Early Intervention component of the Mental Health Services Act Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.
September-November 2008	Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan	On September 25 th LAC conducted its public hearing for the draft WET Plan. The Plan was approved for submission to the State Department of Mental Health. An update on the WET Plan was presented to the LAC Board Deputies in October and the Plan was submitted to the California Department of Mental Health on October 15 th . The State is currently reviewing the Plan and notification of approval is expected within the next 60 to 90 days. In addition to original funding intended for WET Projects, Regional Partnership monies consisting of \$1.8 million (for 3 years) are available for Los Angeles County for WET activities. Proposals identifying strategies to maximize the partnership funds available through WET planning are currently under review. Proposals include enhancing workforce education and training resources, promoting mental health career pathways programs for the underserved and unserved communities, and establishing collaboration with educational institutions.

Full Service Partnerships (FSP)

FSP authorization for all age groups increased overall by 8% from last quarter. Data submitted in the previous report to your Board on September 19, 2008 was limited in its reporting of the authorizations, reflecting counts for FSP clients that were actively authorized only. This is not reflective of the total number of clients authorized to receive FSP services. The data presented in this report will correct the previous report by accurately reflecting the total number of clients authorized to receive FSP services in Quarter 1, as well as provide the total number of clients authorized to receive services in Quarter 2.

Authorization data for FSPs for all age groups is as follows:

- **Children:** The total number of slots allocated for Child FSPs is 1,733. The number of authorizations increased from the first quarter by 10%, from 2,086, to 2,291;
- **TAY:** The total number of slots allocated for TAY FSPs is 1,147. The number of authorizations increased from the first quarter by 10%, from 1,533 to 1,682;
- **Adult:** total number of slots allocated for Adult FSPs is 3,827. The number of authorizations increase from the first quarter by 7%, from 4,126 to 4,411; and

- **Older Adult:** total number of slots allocated for Older Adult FSPs is 289. The number of authorizations increased from the first quarter by 7%, from 312 to 333.

The following grid outlines Quarter 2 data for FSP authorizations for all age groups.

Age Group	September 2008	October 2008		November 2008		Quarter 2 Totals
	# Authorized	# Authorized	% Increase from September	# Authorized	% Increase from October	% Change for Quarter 2
Child	2,119	2,222	5%	2,291	3%	8%
TAY	1,575	1,640	4%	1,682	3%	7%
Adult	4,212	4,323	3%	4,411	2%	5%
Older Adult	315	322	2%	333	3%	6%
All Age Groups	8,221	8,507	3%	8,717	2%	5%

Change in the number and percentages of FSP authorizations for all age groups from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2 are as follows:

Age Group	Q1 Totals	Q2 Totals	Q1-Q2 Change in # Auth	Q1-Q2 % Change in Authorizations
	Total Q1 Authorized	Total Q2 Authorized	Change in # of Authorized (Q1 v. Q2)	Change in % (Q1 v. Q2)
Child	2,086	2,291	205	10%
TAY	1,533	1,682	149	10%
Adult	4,126	4,411	285	7%
Older Adult	312	333	21	7%
All Age Groups	8,057	8,717	660	8%

Field Capable Clinical Services (FCCS)

As of November 15, 2008, FCCS programs served approximately 1,649 older adults, a 19% increase from the 1,389 older adults served by the end of last quarter. The total number of older adults served by FCCS programs increased by 8% for the months studied in Quarter 2 (September-November).

The following grid outlines Quarter 2 data for FCCS programs for older adults.

Program	September 2008	October 2008		November 2008		Quarter 2 Totals
	# Served	# Served	% Increase from September	# Served	% Increase from October	% Change for Quarter 2
FCCS-OA	1,529	1,583	4%	1,649	4%	8%

Change in the number and percentages of older adults receiving FCCS services from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2 are as follows:

Program	Q1 Totals	Q2 Totals	Q1-Q2 Change in # Served	Q1-Q2 % Change in Clients Served
	Total Q1 Served	Total Q2 Served	Change in # of Served (Q1 v. Q2)	Change in % of Served (Q1 v. Q2)
FCCS-OA	1,389	1,649	260	19%

To date the Department has finalized eight (8) operational agreements with various agencies, such as primary care and housing providers, to govern co-location of FCCS staff.

Wellness/Client-Run Support Centers

As of November 30, 2008, approximately 6,559 clients had been served through Wellness/Client-Run Support Centers. This is a 7% increase from the 6,105 clients served by the end of last quarter. The number of clients served by Wellness/Client-Run Support Centers increased by 5% over the Quarter 2 months (September-November).

The following grid outlines Quarter 2 data for Wellness/Client-Run Support Centers.

Program	September 2008	October 2008		November 2008		Quarter 2 Totals
	# Served	# Served	% Increase from September	# Served	% Increase from October	% Change for Quarter 2
Wellness/Client-Run Support Centers	6,231	6,282	1%	6,559	4%	5%

Change in the number and percentages of clients receiving Wellness/Client-Run Support Centers services from Quarter 1 to Quarter 2 are as follows:

Program	Q1 Totals	Q2 Totals	Q1-Q2 Change in # Served	Q1-Q2 % Change in Clients Served
	Total Q1 Served	Total Q2 Served	Change in # of Served (Q1 v. Q2)	Change in % of Served (Q1 v. Q2)
Wellness/Client-Run Support Centers	6,105	6,559	454	7%

During the quarter, two Wellness Centers relocated to new sites as scheduled. In October, West Valley Mental Health's Wellness Center successfully relocated, followed by the Wellness Center originally located at South Bay Mental Health successfully relocating in November.

The next MHSA implementation status report will be submitted to your Board on Friday, March 16, 2009 and will provide Quarter 3 data and updates to include the months of December 2008, January, and February 2009.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at (213) 738-4601, or your staff may contact Robin Kay, Ph.D., Acting Chief Deputy Director, at 213-738-4108.

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